



# Press Release

**City of Artesia, California**

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### City Receives Two Beacon Spotlight Awards

The City of Artesia has earned two Beacon Spotlight Awards from the Beacon Program for its efforts in environmental sustainability and reduction of greenhouse gasses.

Councilmember Ali Taj and City Manager William Rawlings accepted the award for energy savings, and the award for best practices in sustainability on behalf of the City at the Beacon Spotlight Award Reception, September 13, 2018.

The Beacon Program provides support and recognition to California cities and counties that are working to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, save energy, and adopt policies and programs that promote sustainability. The City was among 20 cities and counties in the entire state to be recognized by the Beacon Program for specific efforts in reducing energy consumption and promoting sustainability best practices.

Toward that end, the City has made numerous improvements over the last four years to reduce its carbon footprint. The City has reduced its emissions by planting 115 new trees throughout the City since 2014; reduced its energy consumption, and reduced electrical costs by 60 percent, by retrofitting outdoor field and court lighting at Artesia Park, as well as street light fixtures in some Artesia neighborhoods, with energy efficient LED fixtures and energy efficient bulbs; converted interior lighting in all City facilities to energy efficient LED bulbs; and replaced 30-year old vehicles in the Maintenance Department fleet with 2018 GMC trucks, which are 125% more efficient than their predecessors, reducing pollution and saving money. Additionally, the City was awarded a grant to install the infrastructure to move toward an all-electric City fleet, and will use those grant funds to install a fleet charging station.

Further, the City entered into the Green Energy Program with Southern California Edison to ensure the City's energy consumption at public facilities come from 100% renewable energy. Most recently, the City made repairs and improvements to the City Hall roof, removing the old roof shingles and replacing them with new roof shingles that can reflect solar heat and reduce the building's energy consumption.



Councilmember Ali Taj and City Manager William Rawlings receive the Beacon Spotlight Award from the Institute Local Government Interim Executive Director Corrie Manning

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*Located in southeast Los Angeles County, Artesia is a diverse, vibrant city with nearly 20,000 residents and a dynamic business community. The City of Artesia, a leader in sustainability practices and winner of two 2018 Beacon Spotlight awards, is focused on serving the community with sound governance, 21st century infrastructure, and a commitment to public safety. To stay updated on our projects and events, visit us at [www.cityofartesia.us](http://www.cityofartesia.us), like us on Facebook and follow us on Instagram @OfficialCityofArtesia, and subscribe to our YouTube channel @CityofArtesia. Email Jamie Murguia at [jmurguia@cityofartesia.us](mailto:jmurguia@cityofartesia.us) with your first and last name, and email address to start receiving notifications when new information is added to the City's website.*